

CHAPTER 202  
REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC OCCUPANCIES

**661—202.1(100) Scope.** The provisions of this chapter apply solely to buildings, structures, and facilities currently being used in the specific ways described in this chapter. All other buildings, structures, and facilities in which people congregate are subject to the provisions of 661—Chapter 201 or 661—Chapter 205.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 100.

**661—202.2(237) Facilities in which foster care is provided by agencies to fewer than six children.** Any facility, including a single-family residence, within which foster care is provided by an agency to fewer than six children, shall meet each of the requirements established in this rule.

**202.2(1)** Battery-operated smoke detectors shall be installed in each sleeping room and on each floor of the home and shall be installed in compliance with the manufacturer's instructions.

**202.2(2)** Each exit and exit path shall remain clear and unobstructed at all times.

**202.2(3)** A five-pound 2A:10B:C fire extinguisher shall be installed in the primary caregiver's sleeping room. Additional extinguishers may be provided. Each extinguisher in the facility shall be inspected yearly by a third party in accordance with NFPA 10, Standard for Portable Fire Extinguishers, 2007 edition.

**202.2(4)** No combustible items shall be stored within a three-foot clearance of furnaces, hot water heaters, and electrical panels.

**202.2(5)** A carbon monoxide detector shall be installed on each floor of the residence. A detector shall be installed in proximity to any gas-fired appliance. All detectors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**202.2(6)** If propane is used in the facility, a propane leak detector shall be installed in proximity to each propane-fired appliance. All detectors shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**202.2(7)** An evacuation plan shall be maintained, and fire drills shall be conducted at least once every other month.

**202.2(8)** If a child is sleeping in a basement room, then an egress window shall be provided in the room. "Egress window" means an existing operable window with a clear opening area of not less than 5.7 square feet, and with a minimum opening height and width of 24 inches and 20 inches, respectively.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 237.3, subsection 3.

**661—202.3(137C) Bed and breakfast inns.**

**202.3(1)** The following definitions apply to rule 661—202.3(137C):

"*Bed and breakfast home*" means a private residence which provides lodging and meals for guests, in which the host or hostess resides and in which no more than four guest families are lodged at the same time and which, while it may advertise and accept reservations, does not hold itself out to the public to be a restaurant, hotel, or motel; does not require reservations; and serves food only to overnight guests. Rule 661—202.3(137C) shall not apply to bed and breakfast homes. However, a bed and breakfast home shall have a smoke detector in proper working order in each sleeping room and a fire extinguisher in proper working order on each floor.

"*Bed and breakfast inn*" means a building equipped, used, or advertised as or held out to the public to be an inn, hotel, motel, motor inn, or place where sleeping accommodations are furnished for hire to transient guests and which has nine or fewer guest rooms.

**202.3(2) Appliances.** Heating, cooking and gas and electrical equipment and appliances must conform with nationally recognized codes and standards and be installed and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. If the building has an operable solid fuel fireplace, all components must be cleaned and maintained in accordance with NFPA 211, 2006 edition.

**202.3(3) Smoke detectors.** Each bed and breakfast inn shall have an operable smoke detector in each guest room, at the top of each stairwell, and at intervals not to exceed 30 feet in each exit corridor. Detectors shall be installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 72, 2007 edition.

*a. Existing facilities.* In bed and breakfast inns which begin operation or are constructed or remodeled prior to February 1, 2002, required smoke detectors may be battery-operated.

*b. New facilities.* Each bed and breakfast inn which began operation or is constructed or remodeled on or after February 1, 2002, shall be equipped with a system of interconnected smoke detectors with detectors at the top of each stairwell and at intervals not to exceed 30 feet in each exit corridor. These smoke detectors shall receive primary power from the building's electrical wiring and shall include battery backup. Each guest room shall be equipped with a smoke detector which may be a single station detector.

**202.3(4) Emergency lighting.** Each bed and breakfast inn must be equipped with approved emergency lighting so located and directed in a manner that will illuminate the routes of travel from each guest-occupied room to the outside of the building.

**202.3(5) Windows.** Each bed and breakfast inn guest sleeping room must have at least one outside window that is openable without the use of tools or special knowledge. The window must be large enough that, when open and without breaking glass, it will permit the emergency egress of guests.

**202.3(6) Exits.** Each story that has one or more guest sleeping rooms must have two means of exit that are remote from each other and so arranged and constructed as to minimize any possibility that both may be blocked by any one fire or other emergency.

**202.3(7) Exit door markings.** Exit doors must be marked in accordance with the International Fire Code, 2006 edition, chapter 10.

**202.3(8) Fire extinguishers.** Fire extinguishers must be installed and maintained in accordance with NFPA 10, 2007 edition.

**202.3(9) Smoking prohibited.** Smoking is not permitted in any sleeping room, and rooms shall be posted with plainly visible signs so stating.

**202.3(10) Additional prohibitions.** Candles, lamps with power sources other than electricity and solid fuel fireplaces shall not be used in guest sleeping rooms.

**202.3(11) Directions.** Each bed and breakfast inn shall have clearly displayed in each guest sleeping room printed directions and a diagram for emergency evacuation procedures. These directions must include the primary route to the outside and how to use the emergency egress window in the event the primary route cannot be traversed.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 137C.35.

**661—202.4(100) Existing jails and correctional facilities.** Any jail, correctional facility, detention facility, holding facility, or prison which has operated continuously as such a facility since prior to January 1, 2007, shall comply with the provisions of NFPA 101, Life Safety Code, 1994 edition, chapter 15.

NOTE: Any jail, correctional facility, detention facility, holding facility, or prison which began continuous operation as such a facility on or after January 1, 2007, is subject to the provisions of 661—Chapter 201.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 100.

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